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Group Art Unit: 1626

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# REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed in reply to the Office Communication date mailed 02/12/2003.

Please note that the change in inventorship should read Dario G. Gomez. I am enclosing copies of the supporting documents.

Kindly use Deposit Account 01-0885 for payment of any fee that may be due in connection; with this communication.

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Respectfully Submitted

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# **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 1-108 are currently pending in the instant application (Note: Page 4 of Amendment B filed 3 May 2002 states, "Applicant notes that claim 109, added by amendment in the communication, stands unrejected." However, no amendment adding a claim 109 is found in amendment B or amendment A, filed 20 December 2001. Therefore, claims 1-108 are currently pending in the instant application.) Claim 108 is allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 1-4, 7-15, 20, 21, 26, 38, 46, 50-55, 71, 89, 97, 101, 103 and 104 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. Claims 5, 6, 16-19, 22-25, 27-37, 39-45, 47-49, 56-70, 72-88, 90-96, 98-100, 102 and 105-107 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

## Inventorship

In view of the papers filed 12 March 2002, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by adding Dario M. Gomez as a joint inventor

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of the file jacket and PTO PALM data to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

## Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 128 is missing.

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Appropriate correction is required.

## Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of the species of N3, found on page 102 of the instant specification, in Paper No. 13 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

With the identification of the above noted species, the examiner will identify a generic concept, inclusive of said species, for examination.

The generic concept is that of the compound as found in claim 1 wherein: **x** is 1 or 2;

 $R_1$  is independently selected from the group consisting of H; halogen;  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;  $C_{1-4}$ alkenyl;  $C_{1-4}$ alkynyl; --COR<sub>4</sub> where  $R_4$  is H,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy;  $C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl; aryl, cyano, nitro; trihalomethyl; oxo; or --(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-X-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-(R<sub>5</sub>)<sub>o</sub> where X is O, S or N, n is 0-3, n is 0-3, o is 0-1, and  $R_5$  is methyl or  $H_{1-2}$ ;

 $R_2$  and  $R_3$  together consist of a partly saturated ring structure containing one double bond, wherein the double bond is shared with the ring including Y, having the formula  $-(C(R_6)_p)_q$ - $X_s$ - $(C(R_6)_p)_r$ - $X_t$ - $(C(R_6)_p)_u$  where each  $R_6$  is independently selected from the group consisting of H; halogen;  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;  $C_{1-4}$ alkenyl;  $C_{1-4}$ alkynyl; --COR $_4$  where  $R_4$  is H,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl or  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy;  $C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl; aryl; cyano; nitro; trihalomethyl and oxo where each p is independently 1 or 2; q is 0-4, r is 0-4, u is 0-4; each X is independently O, S or N and s is 0; t is 0; provided that q + r + u + s + t is 4;

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and the ring including **Y** is a cyclohexane ring containing one double bond, which is shared with the ring formed by R2 and R3.

The remaining subject matter of claims 1-4, 7-15, 20, 21, 26, 38, 46, 50-55, 71, 89, 97, 101, 103 and 104 and the subject matter of claims 5, 6, 16-19, 22-25, 27-37, 39-45, 47-49, 56-70, 72-88, 90-96, 98-100, 102 and 105-107 stands withdrawn, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being for non-elected inventions. The withdrawn subject matter of the claims is properly restricted as said subject matter differs materially in structure and element from the elected subject matter so as to be patentably distinct, i.e. a reference which anticipated but the elected subject matter would not even render obvious the non-elected subject matter. Additionally, the fields of search are not co-extensive.

Accordingly, the claims are drawn to more than a single invention and restriction as has been required is proper, 37 CFR 1.142(a).

# Claim Objections

Claims 1-4, 7-15, 20, 21, 26, 38, 46, 50-55, 71, 89, 97, 101, 103 and 104 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. The claims presented drawn solely to the elected subject matter as indicated supra would appear allowable over the prior art of record.

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rebecca L. Anderson whose telephone number is (703) 605-1157. Mrs. Anderson can normally be reached Monday through Friday 7:00AM to 3:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph McKane, can be reached at (703) 308-4537.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone numbers are (703) 308-1235 and (703) 308-0196.

A facsimile center has been established. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:45AM to 4:45PM. The telecopier numbers for accessing the facsimile machine are (703) 308-4242, (703) 305-3592, and (703) 305-3014.

Rebecca Anderson Patent Examiner Art Unit 1626, Group 1620

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Applicant: Chow et al.

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Filed: March 21, 2001

For: COMPOUNDS AND METHOD OF TREATMENT HAVING AGONIST-LIKE ACTIVITY SELECTIVE AT ALPHA 2B OR 2B/2C ADRENERGIC RECEPTORS

Examiner: Floyd D. Higel

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PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Art Unit:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a) to correct the inventorship in the above-referenced patent application. Through error, inventor Dario M. Gomez was not named as a joint inventor when this continuation patent application was filed. This error was made by the undersigned without deceptive intent in the haste to file the present application; such haste was exacerbated by the fact the undersigned was simultaneously working without an experienced assistant at the time, a lack that has thankfully since been cured.

Accordingly, Applicants petition the Commissioner to amend the application to set forth the actual inventors. Accompanying this petition is 1) a Statement of Dario M. Gomez in support of the correction of inventorship, 2) a Declaration by the actual inventors as required by 37 CFR \$1.63, and 3) the written consent of the assignee, Allergan Sales, Inc., for such correction of inventorship.

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Kindly use Deposit Account 01-0885 for the payment of the petition fee and any other cost that may be due as a result of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 22701

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# CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

As owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the above identified patent application, ALLERGAN hereby consents to the correction of inventorship to add Dario G. Gomez as an inventor in the above-referenced patent application. ALLERGAN'S right to take action pursuant to 37 CFR 3.73 is established in an Assignment from the inventors to ALLERGAN recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on August 16, 1996 at Reel 8135, Frame 0552.

I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to make this appointment on behalf of Allergan Sales, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin A. Voet Assistant Secretary Allergan Sales, Inc. 2525 Dupont Drive Invine CA 92612

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## STATEMENT OF DARIO G. GOMEZ

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Floyd D. Higel

Dear Sir:

Examiner:

I, Dario G. Gomez, am an inventor of the subject matter claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

At the time the invention was made I was employed by Allergan, Inc., the parent company of the assignee Allergan Sales, Inc. I was unaware that this continuing application was filed until after the filing date, and therefore had no opportunity to advise Allergan that the inventor information, including the list of inventors, was incomplete. Thus, the incorrect naming of the inventive entity in this patent application was made without deceptive intent on my part; moreover, it is my understanding that such incorrect indication of inventors was an inadvertent error made when the patent application was filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 02/14/02

Dario G. Gomez

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# COMBINED DECLARATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY - U.S.A Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR TREATING PAIN AND INTRAOCULAR HYPERTENSION WITH REDUCED SIDE EFFECTS the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the Prior Foreign Applications(s).

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint CARLOS A. FISHER, Registration No. 36,510 (to whom all communications are to be directed), and the below-named persons (of the same address) individually and collectively my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent, with full power to appoint associate attorneys:

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Robert Baran	25,806		
Stephen Donovan	33,433		
Martin A. Voet	25,208		

, all of the following correspondence address: Allergan, Inc., 2525 Dupont Drive, Irvine, CA-92612

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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PATENT Docket No. 17243CIP3 Serial No. 09/815,362 Conf. No. 4078

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: CHOW ET AL

Serial No: 09/815,362

Filed: March 21, 2001

For: COMPOUNDS AND METHOD OF TREATMENT

HAVING AGONIST-LIKE ACTIVITY SELECTIVE AT ALPHA 2B OR 2B/2C ADRENERGIC RECEPTORS

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Enclosed

are:

- 1) Postcard
- 2) Transmittal Letter (2 pgs.)
- 3) Reply to Office Action (3 pgs.)
- 4) Page 128

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Respectfully Submitted,

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alkoxy;  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl; aryl; heteroaryl; cyano; nitro; trihalomethyl; and oxo where each p is independently 1 or 2, q is 0-4, r is 0-4, u is 0-4; each X is independently O, S, or N, s is 0 or 1, and q + s + r + t + u = 3 or 4.

- 5 27. The compound of claim 26 in which at least one of s and t equals 1.
  - 28. The compound of claim 27 in which q + r + s + t + u equal 3.
  - 29. The compound of claim 28 in which an X equals S.

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30. The compound of claim 28 in which an X equals O.

- 31. The compound of claim 28 in which an X equals N.
- 15 32. The compound of claim 27 in which q + r + s + t + u equal 4.
  - 33. The compound of claim 32 in which an X equals S.
  - 34. The compound of claim 32 in which an X equals O.

35. The compound of claim 32 in which an X equals N.

36. The compound of either of claims 28 or 32 in which at least one R<sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of halogen; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkenyl; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkynyl; --COR<sub>4</sub> where R<sub>4</sub> is H; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy; C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl; aryl; heteroaryl; trihalomethyl; --(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-X-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-(R<sub>5</sub>)<sub>o</sub> where X is O, S or N, n is 0-3, m is 0-3, o is 0-1, and R<sub>5</sub> is methyl or H<sub>1-2</sub>; and oxo.

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Group Art Unit: 1626 Examiner: Anderson, R.

For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF TREATMENT HAVING AGONIST-LIKE ACTIVITY SELECTIVE AT ALPHA 2B OR 28/2C ADRENERGIC RECEPTORS

# REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed in reply to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003. After careful review, Applicants have the following comments. Claims 1-108 are currently pending.

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#### REMARKS

Applicants note with gratitude the Examiner's indication that claim 108 is allowable, and that claims 1-108 stand unrejected.

#### Specification

Applicant regret any inconvenience caused by missing page 128 of the specification. Applicants herewith enclose a copy of page 128 of the specification as requested by the Examiner.

#### Election of Species

in the Office Action of November 6, 2002 the Examiner made an election of species requirement pursuant to 37 CFR 1.146, requesting that the Applicants elect a single compound for examination purposes. Accordingly Applicants elected the species labeled "N3" on page 102 of the specification to facilitate examination of the identified genus (i.e., that genus encompassed by claim 1 as identified by the Examiner on page 2 of the November Office Action.

The Examiner's most recent Office Action of February 12, 2003 now states "because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election [of species N3] has been treated as an election without traverse." (Office Action of February 12, 2003, emphasis added.)

The Examiner has not made a restriction requirement; Applicant responded to an election of species requirement when responding to the February Office Action; this election of species requirement was unaccompanied by a restriction requirement. 37 CFR 1.146, entitled "Election of Species" states in relevant part:

In the first action on an application containing a generic claim to a generic invention (ginus) and claims to more than one patentably distinct species embraced thereby, the examiner may require the applicant in the reply to that action to elect a species of his or her invention to which his or her claim will be restricted if no claim to the genus is found to be allowable.

# (Emphasis added)

Thus, the common of species requirement requires the Examiner to examine the applicant's generic claim (clair : in the case) as it applies to the elected species. If, under such circumstances the generic claim is found to be where, MPEP 809.02(c)(B)(1) states that when all claims to each of the additional species are embraced  $\mathbf{t}$  . an allowable generic claim, applicant must be advised of the allowable generic claim and that claims drawn to the nonelected species are no longer withdrawn since they are fully embraced by the allowed generie claun.

 $W_{i}$ th respect, not only has the Examiner erroneously failed to so advise and to rejoin the non-elected species for examination, but has actually 1) formulated her own "generic claim" (the proposition of which Applicant: as not had a chance to accept or object), and 2) withdrawn all claims not encompassed by this "generic claim". Applicants find no support in the patent statute or rules for such action.

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If the Examiner wishes to make a restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner formally make such a requirement, permitting Applicant the opportunity to respond thereto.

Kindly use Deposit Account 01-0885 for payment of any fee that may be due in connection; with this communication, including fees due in connection with as petition for extension of the time required to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

Date: 6/12/03

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